Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 21 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Thursday 21 Mar 2024 at 03:17

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for a change to cold and showery weather on Friday and over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 21 Mar 2024: Severe gales, rain in the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Mar 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Cloudy	Dull	Light rain	Light rain	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
60%	20%	30%	70%	90%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 21 Mar 2024

Weather: Thickening cloud will bring a brief spell of around soon after dawn. Then dry and cloudy through the morning. Low cloud will spread from the northwest in the afternoon with mainly light rain becoming persistent for a few hours mid-afternoon and early evening. Dry weather with clearing skies extending from the northwest after dark.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 60% in the morning, falling to nil mid-afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility in the morning, cloud bases around 750-800m, occasionally affecting the highest summits. Visibility becoming increasingly poor in the afternoon with cloud steadily lowering to 300-400 metres once rain arrives. Cloud lifting off the tops by mid-evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	30/41 SW	30/40 SW	35/49 SW	36/51 SW	29/41 W	29/41 W	32/45 W
300	12/24 SW	10/22 SW	17/32 SW	19/34 SW	16/29 W	14/27 W	15/29 W
Valley	10/26 SW	10/28 SW	16/34 SW	16/32 SW	13/26 W	11/26 W	13/28 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	2/-5	3/-4	5/-1	7/1	8/3	5/-1	4/-3
300	4/0	5/2	8/4	9/5	10/6	7/3	5/1
Valley	6/2	7/4	9/6	10/7	10/8	8/5	6/3
Freezing Level*	1900m	3000m	2800m	2700m	2400m	1100m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Very windy across all upland areas with severe gales, gusts to 70 mph on the very highest tops making mobility very difficult.

Forecast for Friday 22 Mar 2024

Weather: A cold and windy day with sunny spells and the odd passing snow or hail shower. Showers will become somewhat more frequent and heavier from late afternoon onwards.

Maximum wind: Westerly average speeds of 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility with great air clarity outside of showers. Cloud briefly lowering to 850 metres as showers pass by, otherwise only small amounts of cloud on the tops

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 2 rising to 8 Celsius
At 700m: Plus 2 falling to -1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits at first steadily falling to 600 metres

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